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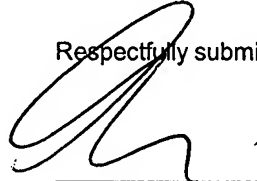
This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed July 15 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Claims 9 and 10, the only non-allowed claims in this application, have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in separate applications.

In view of the amendments set forth herein and remarks above, applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are fully allowable, and solicits the issuance of a notice to such effect.

If a telephone interview is deemed to be helpful to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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